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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In The Application Of: J. J. Zhao, et al.

Serial No. : 09/924,561

Group Art Unit : 1771

Confirmation No. : 3643

Filed : August 8, 2001

Examiner : E. M. Cole

For: Flushable and Anaerobically Degradable Films and Laminates

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This response/amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2003, which set a three-month period for response. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

*Amendments to the Specifications* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 3 of this paper.

*Remarks* begin on page 6 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$
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